

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 3 to 16, and 20-23 are pending.

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that various claims contain allowable subject matter. The subject matter of claims 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 has been placed in independent form (amended claims 10, 11, 13, and 14 do not include the features of intermediate claims 3/8).

Claims 1, 3-8, and 20 stand rejected under various combinations or subcombinations of McWhorter, Huber, or Hyman.

By way of this amendment, the rejected claims have been amended to recite an elongated member. Such a member can be, for example, a guide rod 5 such as illustrated in Fig. 1, a dilator, or a guide wire. The amended claims further recite that the passage and fluid communication pathway permit the elongated member to be threaded in a substantially straight path therethrough between a distal end and a proximal end of the indicator device. These are important features because, for example, they permit a guide rod or dilator to be used to dilate the blood vessel so that objects can be inserted into or placed inside the blood vessel while also permitting monitoring of blood pressure. For example, the device can be used to place a seal inside the blood vessel, as discussed, for example, in paragraph 34 of the application.

None of the prior art of record discloses or suggests such a device and method. It is thus respectfully submitted that the amended claims are clearly patentable.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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